

# Iron County's Older Population

## Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Iron County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	865	80.8%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	973	90.9%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	159	10.6%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	604	40.3%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$29,580	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$26,306	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$14,699	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	76	11.0%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	45	5.0%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	217	13.6%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	272	17.1%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	647	40.6%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	320	20.1%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	139	8.7%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	88	5.5%	4.7%
Married	838	52.5%	52.9%
Separated	59	3.7%	5.2%
Widowed	528	33.1%	31.3%
Divorced	82	5.1%	5.9%
<b>Males</b> , 65 and over, married	481	69.9%	71.3%
<b>Females</b> , 65 and over, married	357	39.4%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	593	39.6%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	219	14.6%	11.9%
With a physical disability	395	26.4%	24.1%
With a mental disability	120	8.0%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	135	9.0%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	269	18.0%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	83	14.0%	10.6%